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1. WE PASSED ALONG SEPARATELY TO OUR QQ8 AND UK COLLEAGUES THE HELPFUL INFORMATION IN REF B. EACH SAID THAT THE AUSTRIANS HAD MADE RECENT APPROACHES IN PARIS AND IN LONDON SEEKING TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF FRENCH AND BRITISH REPRESENTATION REPORTED IN REF A. ALTHOUGH OUR COLLEAGUES WERE NOT CERTAIN OF THE EXACT LANGUAGE USED BY THE AUSTRIANS IN THEIR RECENT DEMARCHES, IT SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY ALONG THE LINE OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 2, REF B.

2. OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE CONTENDED THAT LONDON HAD RESISTED AUSTRIAN EFFORTS TO RAISE LEVEL OF UK PARTICIPATION. HE CHARACTERIZED UK FONOFF AS BEING "RELUCTANT" TO GO BEYOND HATTERSLY LEVEL. OUR QUAI CONTACT, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD US THAT IN LIGHT OF AUSTRIAN INSISTENCE SAUVAGNARGUES MIGHT, REPEAT MIGHT RE-EXAMINE QUESTION OF LEVEL OF FRENCH REPRESENTATION AT MAY 15 CEREMONY WITH VIEW TO PERHAPS ATTENDING HIMSELF.

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3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE PRESSURES THAT MAY BE OPERATING ON SAUVAGNARGUES TO PUSH TOWARD HIS ATTENDANCE AT VIENNA CEREMONY. IF WASHINGTON HAS STRONG FEELING ON LEVEL OF ALLIED PARTICIPATION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS WE COULD USE TO IMPRESS OUR POINT OF VIEW ON THE QUAI. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT THIS SUBJECT INITIALLY AROSE IN PARIS AS RESULT OF SAUVAGNARGUES' DESIRE TO KNOW THE SECRETARY'S PLANS FOR ATTENDANCE AT VIENNA CEREMONY. THIS, AND THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH QUAI HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH US, SUGGEST THAT FRENCH ARE INTERESTED IN STAYING IN STEP WITH U.S. AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH LEVEL OF FRENCH OR UK ATTENDANCE, IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO LET SAUVAGNARGUES SORT THIS ONE OUT FOR HIMSELF.
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